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## Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday November 10th, 2008

## In Attendance:

Members:

Phil Smith

Holly Smith

Sheri Cohen

Lynn O'Shea

DuPage County Community Services

Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

Chicago Department of Public Health

Association for Individual Development

Marc Rittle United Way of Metro Chicago

Janelle Brown RTA

Jacky Grimshaw Center for Neighborhood Technology

Janna Stansell Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Candace King DuPage Federation on Human Services

Jim Lewis Chicago Community Trust

Joan Frankel MCIC

**Guest:** 

Mike Sullivan Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

Karen Kolb Mather Lifeways

Paris Tyler CTA
Thomas Kraus Pace
Virginia Chandler Metra

Mike Sullivan Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

**CMAP Staff:** 

Russell Pietrowiak CMAP Staff
Bob Dean CMAP Staff
Brian Rademacher CMAP Staff

## 1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves

## 2.0 Approval of August minutes.

The minutes for the August meeting were approved.

## 3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

The only comment came from Holly Smith who stated that the next programming committee meeting is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

## 4.0 Human Services Updates

4.1 Discussion of JARC/NF Selection Criteria (Janelle Brown)
At the last Human Services Committee meeting the proposed changes to the JARC and New Freedom selection criteria were presented by the RTA.
Currently they are seeking comments on the proposed changes and plan on presenting their recommendations to the RTA board in January. The proposed changes can be viewed using the link below.

http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=11154

## **4.2 211** Update

The 211 working group is in the process of identifying key partners and groups to meet with in an effort to inform regional stakeholders about 211. Once the statewide planning process begins (hopefully in the spring of 2009) than there will be a series of meetings, likely two in the region (Chicago and a suburb) at which we would like discuss various components associated with a 211 system, such as what it might look like in the state and region, who the responsible party or entity to manage it might be, how much it might cost, etc. At the next meeting, (December) the 211 strategy research report will be presented and an update on the current status of the 211 working group will be given.

## 5.0 GoTo 2040 Plan Development

## **5.1** Go To 2040 Update

Bob Dean from CMAP provided an update on the Go To 2040 planning process and outlined the next steps in the process. A memo was distributed to those in attendance that outlines the role of the Chicago Community Trust and various aspects of scenario development.

http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=11602

Those in attendance were asked to prioritize the topics that the Trust and CMAP are partnering on. Some of the lead agencies that have been hired by the trust would like to have a discussion with the Human Services committee on their specific topic and most of them will likely have something for the committee to comment on in the spring. Prioritizing will help to insure that the committee doesn't become a bottleneck which delays incorporating the work of the lead agencies into the Go To 2040 process. Some of the committee members expressed a preference for education and health. The notion is that these topics are broader in their scope and thus have more connections to both the Human Services committee work and Go To 2040. Other topics were also mentioned, such as what kinds of safetynets are there, food, and access and availability of public benefits. Jim Lewis stated that the lead agencies would be working on needs assessment

later in the process. Another comment was made stating the importance of financial literacy. The United Way believes that financial literacy and workforce development go together. They also think of safety-nets as a different issue than things such as healthcare or education for example.

## 5.2 Go To 2040 Next Steps

Bob Dean discussed the next steps associated with the Go To 2040 Planning process. At this point the indicators have been identified and will be approved by the board in November. The next major component is scenario development. Each of the 4 scenarios under development would have a quantitative, qualitative, and illustrative component to it. Currently it is envisioned that Human Services issues would be more qualitative than quantitative. It was stated that it has been difficult to development and model quantitative measures for Human Services and relate that to how it would actually affect a person in 2040. One of the goals is to demonstrate how a given scenario would look to an individual in 2040 in a couple of select locations throughout the region. The committee's help on this issue was solicited. For example, how would a given scenario affect a disabled person or an elderly individual. Understanding how a given course of action would affect a person is something that the committee can help with. It was also stated that in order to effectively model something there needs to be a baseline data set, which is something that currently doesn't exist. It was suggested that CMAP should consider using secondary data. Another suggestion was to use the "broken window" theory at the neighborhood level. Another example that was given suggested using data such as the percentage of money spent on healthcare versus the environment. It was also stated that policy changes can be analyzed. For example, eligibility issues can effect who has access to a program. Policy changes that restrict or increase access can be analyzed in terms of the number of people that may potentially benefit.

A question was asked regarding how scenario development information would be disseminated. It was stated that online meetings on the initial findings will be done on a topic by topic basis and that all of the working committees would be invited to participate.

# 5.3 Regional Snapshot Report: Industry clusters, analyzes key clusters of employment in the region

Brain Rademacher from CMAP gave a presentation on his findings regarding his research industry clusters in the region and various trends associated with them. His report can be found at: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=11598

There were some comments at the end of the presentation relating to stylist issues such as making various circles larger and having better/clearer color differentiation. There was also some mention about seeing the Regional Snapshot Report on Business Location Decisions. It was decided that this

report could be sent out for people to view but that a formal presentation wasn't necessary at this time.

## 6.0 Other

## 6.1 Selection of a Vice-Chair.

The current Vice-Chair Holly Smith is leaving the committee necessitating the choosing of a new Vice-Chair. After brief discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the Vice-Chair, Tammy Wierciak was nominated and unanimous approved by the committee to be the new Vice-Chair.

- 6.2 Other announcements: Candace King announce that the DuPage Federation on Human Services had put together training is focused on meeting the social service and mental health needs of the refugee and immigrant population in DuPage County.
  <a href="http://www.dupagefederation.org/Publications/MH%20Training%20Brochure.pdf">http://www.dupagefederation.org/Publications/MH%20Training%20Brochure.pdf</a>
- 7.0 Next Meeting (December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am)
- **8.0 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.